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Sharing of the waters of the Tungabhadra.

* 88 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cost of construction of the dam across the Tungabhadra is to be borne in equal proportion by the Madras and Hyderabad Governments;

(*b*) whether the sharing of waters also is to be in the same proportion;

(*c*) whether the Madras Government are prepared to utilize all the available water not required by Hyderabad;

(*d*) whether the construction of the High-Level Canal is held up on account of inadequate allotment of water; and

(*e*) whether the Government will make a statement on their plan of action if more water becomes available and whether they have their plans and estimates ready for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration and a final decision has not yet been taken, but the Madras Government are not likely to waste the waters of the Tungabhadra if they are at liberty to make use of them.

" (*d*) Yes. Under the allocations now made between Madras and Hyderabad there is no water for the High-Level Canal.

" (*e*) The Government can consider the question only after more water becomes available. The High-Level Canal has already been roughly investigated."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Since we are on the eve of the formation of the Andhra Province, have the Government set apart for the construction of the dam across the Tungabhadra, finance from the joint fund for its due execution instead of apportionment between the two Governments in future, viz., the Andhra Province as well as the residuary Madras Province? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir, it is not possible to do so."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Why not, Sir? By not doing it, the Andhra Province may not be able to execute this project in future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not merely the Tungabhadra Project that has to be executed. So many projects have to be taken up. They will be taken up and executed by the Andhra Government, and also many other projects have to be undertaken by Madras. It is not possible to anticipate all that and try to have an allocation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the incongruity of another Province undertaking construction works while the jurisdiction exercised over that area is by another Province? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no incongruity. In fact, Madras Province is taking up the Machkund Project which lies on the Orissa area."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Has there been an agreement between the proposed Andhra Province as will be constituted and this Government, before arriving at this arrangement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Partition Committee has made certain proposals and all that has been approved by the Cabinet. The future Governments will also come to definite understanding on this question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the competency of the Partition Committee to deal with an administrative matter like this? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise out of this question any way."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is the Hon. Minister quite sure that they will come to an agreement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no doubt about it." (Laughter.)

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Will the Government tag on the whole of Tungabhadra Project area to Andhra Province, as the site is at the seat of the Telugu empire (Vizianagar Empire)? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As is proposed, the Tungabhadra Project area will be controlled by the Andhra Government."

Special fuel coupe in Bairlute Range in Kurnool district.

* 89 Q.—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the **Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—**

(a) when the special fuel coupe in Bairlute Range in Kurnool district was given on contract ;

(b) whether there was any tender for a higher sum ;

(c) how many extensions have been given to work the coupe ; and

(d) whether there is any application now from the contractor for further extension of time?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" (a) The coupe in question was sold in auction on 20th May 1947. The sale was confirmed on 7th June 1947 and the contractor executed the agreement with the Forest Department on 18th June 1947, when he was permitted to begin work.

" (b) A petition, dated 22nd May 1947, from one Janab M. Mahaboob of Atmakur, was received by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool West Division, on 23rd May 1947 offering Rs. 30–8–0 per acre as against Rs. 26–8–0 per acre fetched in the auction sale held on 20th May 1947, but the tender